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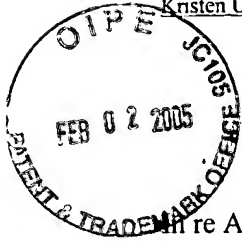
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PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): David M. Buzawa, *et al.*

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Application No.: 10/688,069

Examiner: Johnson III, Henry M.

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Title *Laser Delivery Device Incorporating a
Plurality of Laser Source Optical Fibers*

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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